



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING  
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)  
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

## NEWSLETTER

Hon. Secretary, Heather Crabb  
Phone 77-668.

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### COMING EVENTS.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> March ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping & Mountaineering Club will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., Palmerston North.

Nominations in writing for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, not less than five committee members and

Patron will be required. Please hand your nominations to the Secretary no later than 7:25 p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Proposer, Secunder and Nominee must all be full members of the club, ie. have had their applications for membership approved by the committee.

### AGENDA

Apologies

Reading of the minutes of the last A.G.M. and Matters arising

President's Report

Financial Statement

Election of Officers

(Setting of Subscriptions for the coming year

(Motion: from the committee that subs be raised to \$2 50

(Junior, \$4.00 Senior, and \$5.00 Family.

General.

Subscriptions will be due immediately after the meeting.

#### 31<sup>st</sup> March.-1<sup>st</sup> April. WAIKAMAKA HUT

Grading: Medium Cost: \$3.00 approx.  
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Sat. Names to: Chris Dench, Phone 74-913

#### 1<sup>st</sup> April. WAIPAWA SADDLE

Grading: Easy Cost: \$3.00 approx.  
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Sunday Names to: Phone 84-925

#### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April. BUSHCRAFT

Grading: Easy Cost: \$1.50  
Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Saturday Names to: Trevor Stretton,  
Phone 84-925

#### 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April. MOKAI PATEA RANGE

Grading: Fit Cost: \$2.00 approx.  
Leader: Ian Barnes Names to: Brad Owen, phone 83-467

15<sup>th</sup> April. BRUCE HUT.

Grading: Medium Cost: \$2.00 approx.  
Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Sunday Leader: Ian Hoare, phone 83-448

20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April. EASTER TRIP TO COLENSO LAKE, NORTHERN RUAHINES

Grading: Medium and Fit Cost: \$3.50  
For further details ring Trevor Stretton, 84-925.

23<sup>rd</sup> April. KAPAKAPANUI

Grading: Easy Cost: \$1.50  
Depart Izadium: 6:30 a.m. Names to: Trevor Stretton, 84-925

26<sup>th</sup> April. CLUB NIGHT -- ANNUAL SLIDE COMPETITION.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.

Competitors are requested to hand their slides to Heather Crabb at the A.G.M., 29th March or within two weeks from that date so that our judge, Mr John Cleland, may have a preview thus giving him time to weigh the merits of each slide. Please mark your slides and enclose them in an envelope stating which class they are to be entered in.

COLOUR SLIDE COMPETITION RULES:

1. A competitor may enter any number of slides.
2. Each slide must have been taken by the entrant personally.
3. No slide may have been previously entered in a P.N.T.M.C. competition.
4. There will be 3 classes, all with a tramping or outdoor flavour:
  - a. Flora & Fauna
  - b. Tramping subjects
  - c. Open
5. A slide may be entered in one class only in once entered may not be withdrawn.
6. Entries close for all classes immediately before judging begins.
7. First, second and third will be awarded in each of the classes, and an overall champion slide declared.
8. Entry fee -- 5 cents for each slide.
9. First winners will receive the total sum collected as entry fees for that class.
10. The judges decision is final.
11. All slides to carry the owner's identification mark and may be titled.
12. Slide frame to be marked with a spot in bottom left corner when held correctly for hand viewing.

SUPPER DUTIES. Ailsa Gollan, David Hay. A committee member will be in charge.

28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April. TRIANGLE HUT

Grading: Medium Cost: \$2.00 approx.  
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday. Leader: David Hay, phone 86-483

29<sup>th</sup> April. RANGIWAHIA

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$1.50  
Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Sunday. Leader: Sue Streeter.  
Names to: Phone 84-925.

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NEW MEMBERS: A welcome is extended to:  
James Read, P.O. Box 1161, Palmerston North.  
Jan Fielden, 124. Buick Cres., Palmerston North.  
Kathy Davy, 16 Parata St., Palmerston North.  
Cynthia Harvey, 802 Main St., Palmerston North.  
Ailsa Gollan, 42 Frederick St., Palmerston North.  
John Ogilvy, 477 Church St., Palmerston North.  
Helen Peek, 21 Kauri St., Palmerston North.

RESIGNATION

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Richard Ussher due to his move to Wellington. But he has not given up tramping having joined the Tararua Tramping Club.

NOTICES

DONATION OF EQUIPMENT.

Thanks are due to Russ Lacey for the generous donation of a nylon tent, compasses and sundry items for the Club's use as hire gear.

COURSE IN PHOTOGRAPHY

The Manawatu Camera Club is holding a course in Photography at which our Club members will be welcome. Meetings commence at 8 p.m. in the League for the Hard of Hearing Hall, 435 Church St. Secretary, Mr. B.L. Harding, 81-559.

PROGRAMME

May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Developing Films, Chemicals, etc.
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Using Enlargers and Printing papers.
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Portraits indoor and outdoor.
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Enlarging and Printing.
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Flash Photography.
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Close up Photography.
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Print and Slide Finishing.

HIGH COUNTRY FOREST FIRE FIGHTING

The New Zealand Forest Service has written to our club about their concern for the safekeeping of public lands especially in regard to high country fire fighting.

The Forest Service wants volunteers from this club who are physically fit and capable of handling high country terrain and living under field conditions to volunteer to go on a list as fire fighters for the high danger summer period.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact Bruce Lockwood -- phone 75-826.

INVITATION

James Read reports from the Youth Hostel, Motuoapa, via Turangi, that there are a number of fine tracks in the vicinity and has extended an invitation to members to drop in when in that locality. James is now warden at this hostel situated on the banks of Lake Taupo and within easy reach of the Kaimanawas. He is there for three months and hopes to arrange a weekend there for Club members at the end of April. Names of interested persons to him at P.O. Box 1161, Palmerston North.

NA MOCBA

If you'd like to combine singing in Russian with a hiking weekend 28th-29<sup>th</sup> April, Contact James Read.

TRAVEL BOOKS

A collection of travel, hiking and mountaineering books belonging to James Read is being housed in his absence at Russell Johnson's home. If anyone wishes to borrow one, he's happy to loan them, but leave a note with your name and address and what you've borrowed.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE PASSAGE OF THE F E s

Dear Sir,

With reference to the trip report in your last Newsletter has provision been made in the Constitution to include Hobbits on club trips?

Yours etc.  
Mere Mortal.

SEARCH OPERATION 24th FEBRUARY.

On the above date 19 of our members were involved in a search for a man who went missing from a farm in the Aokautere area. We were told by the Police that he could be very difficult to find. Because of this state of mind at the time he did not wish to be found. However he was found in the mid-afternoon.

Searches from our club were: Karyn Bishop, Elli Schlee, Trevor Plowman, Lawson Pither, Shirley Whitehead, John McFarlane, Tim Short, Glenn Dixon, Chris Dench, Adrian Turner, Lindsay Sandes, Keith Margrain, Sue Streeter, Pauline Gibbons, Ian Hoare, Keith Potter, Judith Domney, David Hay, Janice Rockell, Russell Johnson.

PAST TRIPS

CHRISTMAS TRIP  
HEAPHY TRACK -- WANGAPEKA TRACK.

(To be taken with a large grain of salt -- Ed.)

We are going to tell you our story in three enthralling chapters:

- Chapter 1 -- Wangapeka Track
- Chapter 11 -- Our stay in Karamea
- Chapter 111 -- Heaphy Track.

## INTRODUCTION

Eleven eager trampers arrived at Newmans on New Years Day morning to set off on their deadly adventure to the Wangapeka and Heaphy Tracks.

We arrived in Nelson at about 8.00 p.m. There was one slight technical hitch -- how to get to the Motor Camp without walking (we didn't have to start until the next day so why rush it.) Bludger alias Adrienne came to the rescue. It was here the first billy lid was lost.

## CHAPTER ONE

11:30 a.m. saw us on our way at last, and boy were those packs heavy. Due to an oversight by the trip "leader" we had to trudge five miles along a hot blistering road, before starting the track.

At 8.00 p.m. everybody finely arrived at Kings Hut, staggering through the door and moaning about feet, shoulders, and other aches and pains.

Strange things happened that night when certain people double bunked. Creaks, murmurs, and moans echoed throughout the night. It was here the first plate was lost.

Another sweltering day passed, with us huffing and puffing and finely blowing the Saddle down.

That night certain undesirable members of the female sex took unfair advantage of the males..... tent. ie. we kicked them out. It was here the first mug was lost.

After an early start (11.00 a.m.) we stopped for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Finally we were on our way again at 1.00 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. we stopped for two hours for a swim, shampoo and sets. 4.00 p.m. we finally arrived at Helicopter Flats. Ian joined our happy band at 6.00 p.m. after having started the track at 9 a.m. the same day!

The members of a Wellington Tramping Club formed the gallery for our Court Case -- Tim, who had been summoned for various unmentionable crimes. The court was presided over most fairly by "Jane the Judge." After a unanimously biased verdict of "GUILTY," the accused was sentenced to two nights of dishwashing without soap and water! It was here the first fork was lost.

The next day was wet as we moved to Trevor Carter Hut for a day's rest. A variety of activities took place -- fishing, reading, and so on. Here we had our first encounter with the dreaded sandflies. It was here the first knife was lost.

Another miserable day as we made our way to Stag Flat. Three unsuspecting idiots felt inclined to go for a swim in chest high bog. This was a night to remember! (Tiratirira) Curtain opens, the scene is set -- sixteen bods in a four bunk hut, and in their midst sat "The Red Elephant King" and all his glory, accompanied by the "Peanut Butter Girl," and the "Great Purple Hairy Woman." Need we say more -- nudge nudge, Man of the World.

Next day we skipped gaily up to the great heights of the Little Wanganui Saddle, and on to Belltown. That night the great "bunk pusher" struck again. Here the first spoon was lost.

Now let us take you to the end of the Wangapeka Track (8.1.73,) whereupon we were picked up by the "Red Elephant King's Taxi Service," and taken to Karamea. (Our thanks to these people.)

## CHAPTER TWO

"Food, glorious food," was the cry as the restaurant was sighted. The menu was limited (i.e. no fish 'n' chips,) but satisfying. "Surely if you can scramble eggs you can fry them too," was the pained cry from Richard.

We were then picked up by the Garlicks and taken to our little countryside haven, "White Heron." Half of our food (sent by air) had arrived while we were still waiting for the other half (sent by N.Z.R.) to come.

First and foremost was a long visit to the local store, where we stocked up with large amounts of goodies.

The fairer, delicate members of the party (i.e. the ladies) were invited to have hot showers, while the others washed their feet in the river.

That night we went down to the beach, had a big fire, sing song and caught flounders.

Had a nice lazy day waiting for the food. Some went fishing (and managed to catch an eel,) while others played records and the organ at Garlicks, or sunbathed.

That evening we visited the local Coffee House. The great crowd of Karamea was there to welcome us.

"Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday....." was the sound echoing from our choir as we celebrated Mary-Ann's twentieth birthday on 10.1.73. She was greeted with confetti and streamers when she arrived at "White Heron," (our cottage at Karamea.) This was followed by food and wine by candlelight. The menu included potato salad, coleslaw, luncheon sausage, beetroot, Xmas pudding and brandy sauce, ice cream, cold duck, and a big birthday cake. (Next day Mary-Ann was first to visit the local alcoholic refreshment store on the corner.)

Our last day in Karamea passed without our food arriving. Here, however, the first lot of apricots and chocolate chippies were commandeered.

### CHAPTER THREE

The next morning we were finally on our way to Heaphy Track. We walked for nine miles in hot searing sun along a smelly, foamy but beautiful beach. On our arrival at Heaphy Hut we were greeted by a naked man. Keith and Roger endeavoured to do some deep sea trawling that afternoon, on a log raft. Their efforts were in vain however.

We travelled to MacKay Hut the next day through bog. We were greeted here by a naked lady.

On to Downs Hut the next day, except for Ian who left us and walked out to Browns Shelter. The landscape had changed. At the upland clearing of Goulard Downs there was an expansive parklike vista of red tussock, broken up with islands of stunted silver beech. Meanwhile back at the ranch excitement mounted and rode off. Here once again we met up with our friends from Nelson. They were unfortunate enough to be in the hut with eleven lunatics. Various things happened that evening -- Ina applied first aid to people's blistered feet, sandflies flew off with half of James's belongings, and Keith offered our tents to any newcomers who thought of sleeping in the hut with us.

As we only had supposedly three hours (actually one and a half) to go the next day, it was decided that we should explore the caves nearby. Apart from Mary-Ann and Ina who claimed claustrophobia, everybody else set off. It was here a cave pixie commandeered James's torch.

Perry Saddle Hut called for another celebration. Soup, bacon stew, potato fritters, and set instant puddings was the menu. Once more we dined by candlelight, and even had a table to sit at. This is the latest hut on Heaphy Track and has a shower, sink, woodshed and separate Men's and Women's Toilets (the latter is common to all huts along Heaphy Track.

Out to Browns Shelter the next day, and ready for a feast that night. (We weren't the only ones -- the sandflies and mosquitoes had the same idea.) Once again we shared a communal bed (oh wot fun we had!)

As this was our last day on the track (17.1.73) we decided to have a water wetting ceremony in which everybody got wet -- some more frequently than others. The original plan was to soak our "dishonourable leader." We spent the day swimming, sunbathing and engaging ourselves and various other strenuous activities, while waiting for our transport.

We arrived in Takaka about 7.00 p.m. After hijacking the milk truck we looked for the softest paddocks, and then put our plan into action. We told the farmer of how we were eleven homeless waifs and required somewhere to put our weary heads for the night. Now back in civilisation we heard of the earthquake back in Palmerston North.

The next day opened with a dramatic event -- Peter jumped on a rusty nail about half an hour before the bus was set to go. We rushed him off to the nearest doctor where he received treatment. We arrived in Picton about an hour before the ferry was due to leave.

We had an enjoyable journey crossing, one of the boys seeing if he could pass for twenty in the bar -- didn't work though. A few of us sat on the top deck, grading each girl as she went by. Richard left us in Wellington, the rest of us continuing back to Palmerston North. We arrived home at 8:30 p.m. on 18.1.73, fit enough for an F.E. trip (i.e. fairly easy NOT fitness essential.)

EPILOGUE

31.1.73 our merry mob plus Paul Garlick (from Karamea) met at Melody Lane for dinner, confusing the waitresses with a variety of menus. We then had a slide evening at Adrienne's, with two convenient power cuts. Nudge, nudge, say no more..... Around to Ina's for the party. Wot a nite -- pizza's, pretzels, peanuts, chippies, ultraviolet light, incense and music was enjoyed by all. Dodo Ina stepped on a bottle and cut her foot. This called for a visit to "Accident and Emergency" at the Hospital. We were greeted by a voice, "Wheelchair?" and then a stern voice saying, "Please remember this is a hospital." We managed to find our way home by following the trail of blood from Ina's foot.

This night was indeed a fitting finish to our Xmas Tramping Trip.

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(Delete those not applicable)

Proposed by .....

Seconded .....

Nominee, proposer and seconder must be full members of the Club.

**The following is a list of financial members as at 14th March, 1973.**

If addresses or phone numbers have been changed members are requested to inform the Secretary. Also members wishing to resign reminded of their obligation to inform the Secretary of their desire not to renew their membership.

ARNOTT, Denis  
BARNES, Ian

BATT, Christine  
BAXTER, Mrs.  
BAXTER, Peter  
BISHOP, Karyn  
BYSOUTH, Mika & Raewyn  
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CLARKE, Anne  
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569 Featherston St., P.N.  
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221 Fitzherbert Ave., P.N.  
53 Highbury Ave., P.N.  
21 Surrey Cres., P.N.  
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25 Marne St., P.N.  
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18 Marshwood Place, Christchurch  
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DARRAGH, Peter	118 West St., Feilding
DARROCH, Peter	68 Russell St., P.N.
DAVY, Kathryn	16 Parata St., P.N.
DENCH, Chris	15 North St., P.N.
DIXON, Glenn	15 Kent Tce., P.N.
DOMNEY, Judith	8 Lowestoft Place, P.N.
DORAN, Bob	6 Goodwin Cres., P.N.
EASTERBROOK, Tom	55 Moore St., Birkenhead, Auckland
ELLIS, Dawn	Putorina, R.D. 1, Marton
ENGLAND, Hilda	66 Flynn St., Hamilton
FIELDEN, Jan	124 Buick Cres., P.N.
GAISFORD, Alastair	35 Keeling St., P.N.
GIBBONS, Pauline	Opiki, R.D.4, P.N.
GOLLAN, Ailsa	42 Frederick St., P.N.
HARVEY, Cynthia	802 Main St., P.N.
HAXTON, Ron	C/- 18 Karaka St., P.N.
HAY, David	31 Victoria Ave., P.N.
HAYMAN, Ann	25 Tiritea Rd., R.D.4, P.N.
HOARE, Ian	49 Burns Ave., P.N.
HOTHERMAN TEN HOVE, Margaret	80 Slacks Rd., P.N.
HOMES, Bill	1 R.D., Bulls.
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JOHNSON, Russell	512 Main St., P.N.
JOHNSTON, Brent	87 Napier Rd., P.N.
KINANE, Christine	10 Burns Ave., P.N.
LACEY, Russell	104 Monrad St., P.N.
LANDER, Rodger	56 Colway St., Ngaio.
LEES, Raewyn	Aokautere, R.D.1, P.N.
LOCKWOOD, Bruce	26 Epsom Rd., P.N.
McFARLANE, John	5 Nash St., P.N.
McINTOSH, Ian	29 Pitt St., P.N.
MacKAY, Gary	189 Vogel St., P.N.
McLACHLAN, Stuart	132 Cook St., P.N.
MARGETTS, Susan	34 Surrey Cres., P.N.
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MORLEY, Barry	33 Florence Ave., P.N.
MURCOTT, Richard	4 R.D., P.N.
NELL, Philip	191 Vogel St., P.N.
NORGROVE, Arthur	65 Victoria Ave., P.N.
OGILVY, John	477 Church St., P.N.
OWEN, Brad	22 Pahiatua St., P.N.
PASCOE, Graeme	109 Gillespies Line, P.N.
PEARCE, Kevin	378 Botanical Rd., P.N.
PEEK, Helen	21 Kauri St., P.N.
PERRIS, Lyaal	5 Hurley Place, P.N.
PITHER, Lawson	30 Surrey Cres., P.N.
POTTER, Grant	3 Lifford Place, P.N.
POTTER, Keith	28 Titoki St., P.N.
POTTER, Lynne	78 Manor Place, Dunedin
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ROBINSON, Owen	4 Chelwood St., P.N.
ROCKELL, Janice	436 Ferguson St., P.N.
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SALMONS, Cheryl	238 Albert St., P.N.
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STOUT, Vern	523a Ferguson St., P.N.
SPELLER, Martin	17 Carroll St., P.N.
STRACHAN, Robert	117 Pahiatua St., P.N.
STREETER, Sue	32a Rangitira St., P.N.
STRETTON, Allan	3 R.D., P.N.

STRETTON, Ron	28 Carroll St., P.N.
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TE WIATA, Ina	36 Heretaunga St., P.N.
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WANDEN, Neil	20 Russell St., P.N.
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WHITEHEAD, Shirley	" " "
WILLIAMS, John	28 Carroll St., P.N.
WILLSON, Brian	1 Shirriffs Rd., P.N.